

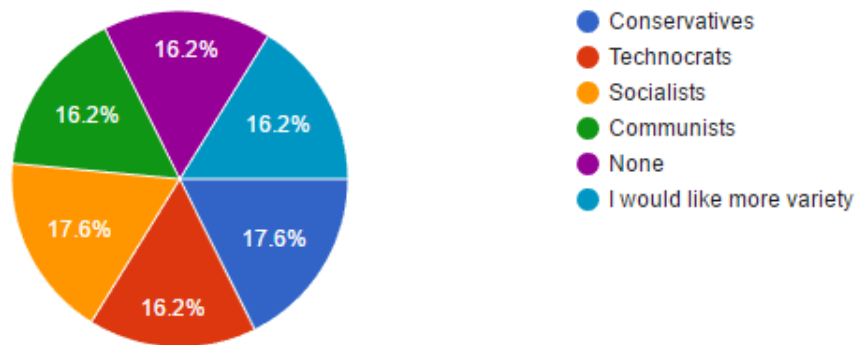
Weekly Apex - u/The-Potato-Lord - Editor-in-Chief

## Democracy, Elections, Census and More. An exciting development changes everything.

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### What Political Party Do you Support

68 responses



### Our Benevolent Dictators Step Aside.

The birth of a democracy is a beautiful thing. Like a crying baby, it comes into the world vulnerable, delicate and with the potential for greatness.

One week ago (1st May 2017) u/Bluy98888 de facto leader of the r/YamRepublic made a public appeal to the benevolent dictators of the Yam Republic. He started by making the situation the Republic finds itself in clear "in the last week, due to massive emigration we have lost hundreds of our citizens, and our apathy has reached a record high." He then provided a list of reforms that he would help enact including the creation of an Executive branch, a Congress, and a Senate as well as establishing the foundations for a democratic election process. u/Bluy98888's proposal was well met with u/Flandersmcj commenting "I, for one, embrace these reforms. No moderation without representation! Libert , Egalit , Fraternit !"

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u/Bmartling meanwhile was overcome by emotion and reverence of the Yam nation and loudly shouted out “Long live the Republic!” u/Bluy98888 responded gently by expressing support for u/Bmartlings sentiment but making clear that “love must be a magnifying glass that helps us examine imperfections, not a blindfold that puts us to sleep.”

Due to the popular support for u/Bluy98888’s proposal, the eternal leaders bowed to the will of the public and gave assent for the creation of a more democratic form of governance.

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With popular and royal support all that now remained was for u/Bluy98888 to draft the constitution for the Yam Republic. The constitution is a long document a link for the full version is at the end of this issue, however, the key takeaways are: “Elections will take place on the first weekend of every month [...] Elections happen at the same time for the congress and the senate, and the position of President will be given to the head of the party that has the most votes.” The D'Hondt method will be used to assign seats and congress will have 50 members while senate will have 15. u/Bluy98888 also included an important message about the r/YamMilitary “The military that exists over at r/YamMilitary is there to serve the republic, not its leaders.” Therefore a president cannot declare war without the support of senior military leaders. u/xxthepronox founder of the Technocratic Yam party described the constitution as “great” and commented that they “Can't wait to see it in action.”

## **Parties, parties everywhere.**

Political parties are widely viewed as the least fun variety of party but they’re a necessary annoyance in a democratic system. It was, therefore, pleasing to see so many parties spring up soon after the creation of the constitution. The leaders of the Yam Republic created a few rules that all the parties must abide by, these include: 1) they must have a leader and at

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least 9 additional members, 2) They must create a sub named r/Yam[PartyName] and 3) they must avoid bringing IRL politics into it the Yam Republic.

One of the first parties to appear were the r/ConservativeYams founded by u/spladlesrus. The parties key proposals are to “Keep Government Consolidated [...] Promote Peace Through Strength [...] Pursue science with defense applications in mind” and invest in the Yam republic's future. In their official statement to the electorate they also made clear “We will make sure that every member of the Yam Republic is safe no matter where they are located,” (see one of their campaign posters below left).



**Join r/Yammunists Today**

From the opposite end of the political spectrum came the r/yammunists headed by u/Arnee\_me, (see their campaign poster above right). Their party believes in “in equality, justice and our military. Every single yam should be the equal, and pay the same amount of taxes, and receive the same benefits from the government.” u/Arnee\_me also honed in on the results of the first Census (see page x), particularly the unemployment statistics. Of the 45.6% unemployment rate, u/Arnee\_me said: “This is not tolerated, and we need to do everything in our power to make sure yams can take up work!”

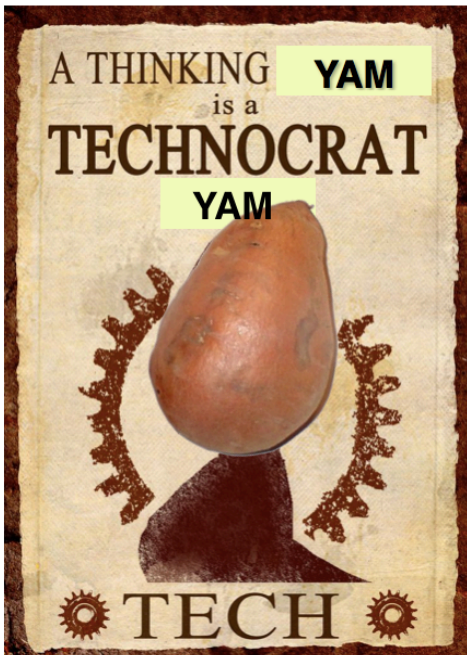
A minor controversy arose after the leader of the Yam military aerospace division OnI\_BArIX came out in support of the Yammunist party. Some felt this was an overreach of power and that it could be destabilising in future. However, when questioned u/Bluy98888 the 5 Yam general of the Republic replied “military leaders are allowed to express their

opinion on political parties (I personally remain neutral), however, they may not run for president or the legislature. However, there is one exception and that is the head of science as he is not in charge of any military planning"

While ideologically similar the Yammunists and the r/YamSocialists headed by u/WHYRedditHatesMeSo soon became strongly opposed. Both released campaign material attacking the other. The socialists wrote in their manifesto that "We will not only try to diminish the distinction between income classes but we will help the society by increasing the funds for science and education," (see some of their campaign material below, the picture on left made by u/toomanysgreks and right u/grandtheftdox).



Next came the r/YamTechnocrats (see their poster below left) led by u/xxthepronexx who state they believe in "the equality of opportunity and not the equality of the end result." To achieve this they will invest in education, healthcare and living standards. A two-tiered health system will also exist with basic healthcare being free and the more advanced care costing more. They also provided another statement in poem form: "Space knows no bounds. / Neither do we. / Future knows no bounds. / Nor shall we."



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r/YamGlobalistParty - You Matter the World To Us



For a More United Food Community



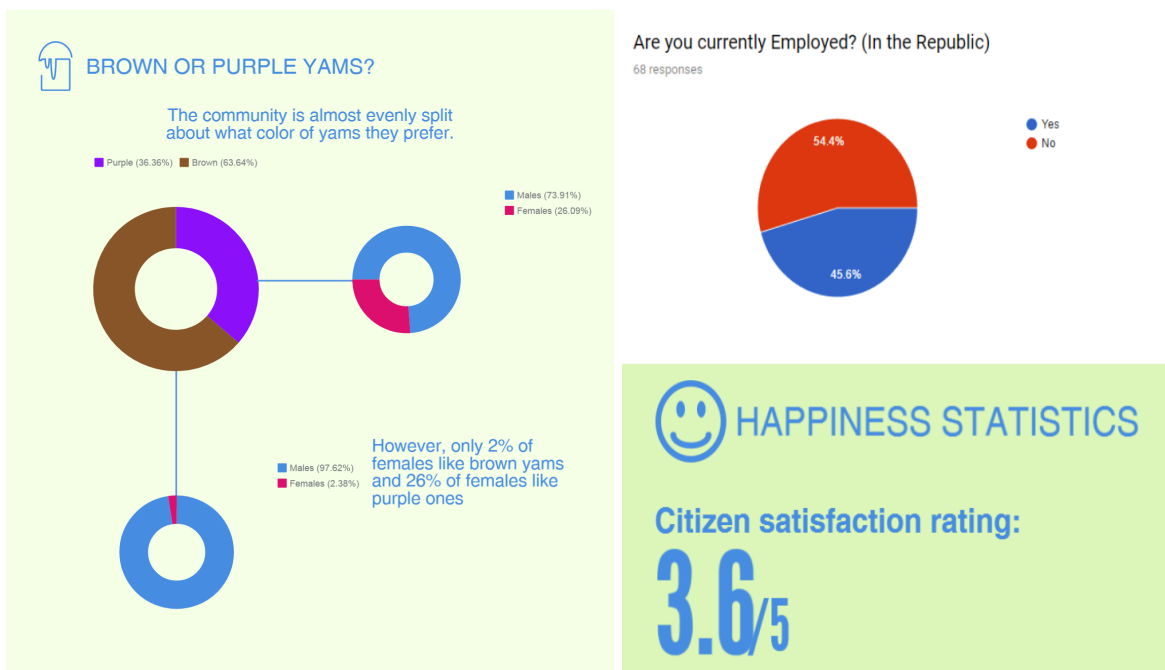
Finally, there are the r/YamGlobalistParty (see posters above right) led by u/jack-rabbit-slims who are described by u/Bluy98888 in his independent analysis as “a progressive party which mainly are looking for international co-operation and a weak military.” In their goals for 2017, they said they aim to “create a Yam constitution that guarantees equality between all types of vegetables and sets up a more up-to-date system of political power” and “commit ourselves to international relations and trading agreements with other food nations” all while putting less emphasis on their military budget.

After some busy days of tough campaigning, the parties were beginning to grow antagonistic so u/Bluy98888 made two rules: the first banned downvoting opposing parties and the second limited parties to making 3 recruitment posts in the Yam republic a day.

## Census Results

Along with a constitution, political parties and a military a democratic nation also needs a census to gauge the state of a nation. The census (<https://goo.gl/zUCSxs>) provided many fascinating insights however we only have space for the highlights, (see below).

It was found that brown is the more popular Yam colour (see below left, infographic by u/grandtheftdox) though female respondents favoured purple. The unemployment rate was discovered to be an astonishing 45.5% (below right, top) without even accounting for all Yams that did not respond. However, even though the unemployment rate was found to be disastrously high general happiness was fairly high at 3.6/5 (below right, bottom, infographic by u/grandtheftdox). The census also revealed the voting intentions of the members of the Yam Republic, see the picture at the head of this article. It's shaping up to be a close election with polls closing on Sunday morning (GMT). Current indications put r/YamTechnocrats in the lead for the Presidency, Congress and Senate with r/YamSocialists coming a close second, however this may well change.



## Successes in the Great Food Alliance

From our top stories, you might think that politics is the only thing that has been happening in the r/GreatFoodAlliance (GFA) however nothing is further from the truth. This week r/YASA has been able to blast off several powerful spacecraft (u/ZAWGURN captured one image below left). u/Khytgl also revealed a poster for the new hit movie: Guardians of the

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Fruit Galaxy (below right, top) while u/ZAWGURN announced the grand opening of the first GFA hospital, (below right, bottom).



Another success over the past week has been the r/AppleRepublics successful construction of an orchard (see below). u/FlyingMozerella their leader revealed the project stating "In order to help our fledgling nation, an apple orchard has been constructed. While small at the moment, I'm sure that it will grow exponentially." u/BlastingAwesome welcomed the news commenting "Looks like it's coming along nicely Mr. Mozerella"



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## Proof that Chocolate is a Salad

Throughout the ages there have been few truly great philosophers, Plato was one, Descartes another and now it looks like u/BlastingAwesome will be joining their ranks after a move of supreme genius. In what some philosophers have hailed the “most revolutionary work of the 21st century” u/BlastingAwesome Head Beanitist of the r/CocoaBeanCountries proved chocolate is a salad. His argument went a little like this: Premise 1. Chocolate comes from cocoa. Premise 2. Cocoa comes out of a tree. Premise 3. Tree’s are plants. Conclusion 1. Cocoa is a plant. Conclusion 2. Chocolate counts as a salad. QED.

## Bills

This week there has only been one bill put before the Great Food Alliance.

**Bill 017** sponsored by u/SUPPERP1G Carrot Deputy Emperor was an attempt to limit the entry of new groups into the Alliance. The bill provided a number of conditions that new nations must fulfil: the countries must have 30 or more members and cannot vote until they have 50. The bill also includes a three strike policy for misdemeanours and countries must be 14 days old or older to join. u/Nippafey Prime Minister of r/SweetpeaConfederation argued against the bill saying “An alliance should be a welcoming diplomatic assembly, not a private club.” Nonetheless, the bill passed.

## Facts and Statistics as of 6th of May 2017

### Political Parties and Related

Name	Chief Mod	Subscriber Count	Leader (if applicable)
r/YamRepublic	u/Bluy98888	15,225	TBC.
r/ConservativeYams	u/spladlesrus	58	u/Dangerbreaks
r/YamGlobalistParty	u/jack-rabbit-slims	26	Unknown



r/yammunists	u/Arnee_me	60	Unknown
r/YamSocialists	u/WHYRedditHatesMeSo	105	u/WHYRedditHatesMeSo
r/YamTechnocrats	u/xxthepronexx	45	u/xxthepronexx
r/YamPress	u/The-Potato-Lord	1	None
r/GreatFoodAlliance	u/Archie357	54	None
r/WeeklyApex	u/The-Potato-Lord	1	u/The-Potato-Lord

## Nations:

Nation Name	Chief Mod.	Subscriber Count	Related Agencies (max 3)
r/YamRepublic	u/Bluy98888 (unofficial)	15,225	r/YASA r/YamMilitary r/YamScientists
r/CabbageCountry	u/Sqrlchez	170	None
r/TheCarrotEmpire	u/Sir_Oakijak	131	None
r/WatermelonRepublic	u/Khytgl	97	r/HoneydewHome r/RockmelonRanch
r/PotatoEmpire	u/The-Potato-Lord	74	r/PotatoSpaceAgency
r/LeekLand	u/LeekLord	50	r/LLSA
r/PlumRepublic	u/L0n3lyc0mm3nt3r	46	None
r/sweetpeaconfederation	u/Nippafey	29	r/sweetpeaspace
r/SweetPotatoEmpire	u/crathis	15	None
r/CocoaBeanCountries	u/TheBestCommenter3ver	15	None
r/CherryRepublic	u/Gingerdavis	15	None
r/RamenNation	u/Gingerdavis	14	None

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r/AppleRepublic	u/FlyingMozerella	8	None
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**Yam Constitution:**

[https://www.reddit.com/r/yamrepublic/comments/68ld4h/a\\_new\\_yam\\_constitution/](https://www.reddit.com/r/yamrepublic/comments/68ld4h/a_new_yam_constitution/)

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**Census Results:**

[https://www.reddit.com/r/yamrepublic/comments/69h4hr/census\\_results/](https://www.reddit.com/r/yamrepublic/comments/69h4hr/census_results/)

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